

THE
S P E E C H
OF THE
Recorder of Bristol
To His HIGHNESS
The Prince of Orange.

Monday, January the 7th, 1688.

The Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, and Commons of the Principal Citizens, of the City of BRISTOL, Waited upon the Prince of ORANGE, being introduc'd by His Grace the Duke of Ormond, their High-Steward, and the Earl of Shrewsbury: Where the Recorder spake to this effect:

May it please Your Highness,

THE Restitution of our Religion, Laws, and Liberties, and the freeing us from that Thralldom which hath rendred us, for many years useless, and at last dangerous to the Common interest of the Protestant World, by your Highness's singular Wisdom, Courage, and Conduct, are not only a stupendious Evidence of the divine favour and providence for our preservation; but will be, and ought to be an Everlasting Monument of your Highness's Magnimity, and other the Heroick Virtues which adorn your Great Soul, by whom such a Revolution is wrought in this Nation, as is become the Joy and Comfort of the Present, and will be the Wonder of all Succeeding Ages.

In the Contrivance and Preparation of which Great Work, your Highness (like the Heavens) did shed your propitious Influences upon us, whilst we slept, and had scarce any Prospect from whence we might expect our Redemption.

But as since your happy Arrival in *England*, we did amongst the first, Associate our selves to assist and promote your Highness's Most Glorious Design, with our Lives and Fortunes, to which we think our selves bound in the highest Obligation of Gratitude, most humbly to present to your Highness, our humble and hearty Thanks, for this our Deliverance from Popery, and Arbitrary Power and likewise, for declaring your Gracious Intentions, That by the Advice of the Estates of this Kingdom, you will rectifie the late Disorders in the Government, both Ecclesiastical and Civil, according to the Known Laws. The due and inviolable Observation of which, will, in our poor Opinion, be the only proper Means to render the Sovereign secure, and both Sovereign and Subject happy.

To which His Highness return'd a most Gracious Answer.

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